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SANTIAGO.

*Reports from Santiago, Manzanillo, Guantanao, and Daiquiri.*SANTIAGO DE CUBA, *September 30, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the sanitary condition of the fourth district of the Island of Cuba for the week ended September 30, 1899:

Santiago.—There was a total of 22 deaths, an increase of 9 over the preceding week. The principal causes were as follows: Yellow fever, 1; leprosy, 1; beriberi, 1; tuberculosis, 3; malarial diseases, 2; tetanus, 1; intestinal diseases, 2; heart disease, 5; cancer, 2; other causes, 4; total, 22. Population, 34,000; mortality, 33.6.

During the week there were no new cases of yellow fever in the city, and but 1 death of those reported for the previous week. There was another death from leprosy, making a total of 3 in as many weeks. Owing to the gradual decline of yellow fever, I am diminishing some of the precautions, though they are still strict enough to prevent the introduction of the disease in other ports.

Manzanillo.—Act. Asst. Surgeon R. de Socarras reports a total of 5 deaths during the week from the following causes: Tuberculosis, 1; meningitis, 1; intestinal disease, 1; other causes, 2; total, 5. Eight cases of measles and 2 cases of infantile tetanus have been reported. There have been no new cases of yellow fever or smallpox. The health of the port and surrounding country is good.

Guantanamo.—Act. Asst. Surg. H. S. Caminero reports a total of 6 deaths from the following causes: Malarial fever, 1; tetanus, infantile, 2; intestinal diseases, 3; total, 6.

No contagious or infectious diseases have been reported. Owing to heavy rainfalls after a long period of drought, the temperature has gone down notably. The sanitary condition of the port and vicinity is satisfactory.

Daiquiri.—Act. Asst. Surg. Juan de Jongh reports 1 death from erysipelas.

Respectfully, yours,

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SANTIAGO DE CUBA, *October 7, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the sanitary condition of the fourth district of the Island of Cuba, for the week ended October 7:

Santiago.—During the week there was a total of 14 deaths, a decrease of 8 from the preceding week. The principal causes of death were as follows: Tuberculosis, 3; malarial fevers, 6; intestinal diseases, 1; other causes, 4; total, 14. Population, 34,000; mortality, 21.41.

There were no cases of yellow fever during this week. This makes two successive weeks that Santiago has been free from this affection. The restrictions of General Wood, prohibiting nonimmunes coming to the city have been removed and at present there are many in the city. The weather here is now growing cooler, especially at night, due perhaps, to the frequent but not excessive rains.

The regular disinfection of baggage has continued, but during the coming week some changes will be made. Cuban baggage from non-

infected houses and for Cuban ports will not be disinfected. The materials they carry are principally wash goods and I believe are little likely to carry infection, if exposed. With a rigid inspection this can be done within certain limits.

Manzanillo.—During the present week there were 4 deaths, an increase of 1 over the preceding week. The causes were as follows: Tetanus, 1; heart disease, 1; malarial fever, 1; drowning, 1. Total, 4.

During the same period the following contagious and infectious diseases were reported: Yellow fever, 1; erysipelas, 2; tetanus, 2; whooping cough, 1.

Guantanamo.—Four deaths were reported in this city during the week, the causes being as follows: Pneumonia, 1; nephritis, 1; tuberculosis, 1; intestinal disease, 1. No contagious or infectious disease reported.

Daiquiri.—During the week there were no deaths or quarantinable diseases at this port.

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Yellow fever on the steamship Flandria at Santiago.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, *October 12, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the Danish steamship *Flandria* arrived at this port from Havana Monday, October 9, with all hands apparently well. In the evening of the same day the chief engineer was taken sick, the next morning the chief officer, both with symptoms suspicious of yellow fever. On Wednesday the diagnosis of both cases was positive, and they were removed to the yellow fever hospital.

The ship was disinfected, all fabrics being steamed, staterooms being washed out with bichloride and then formaldehyded, nearly three times the required quantity being used.

The ship was detained twenty-four hours, and was then allowed to proceed to Guantanamo in quarantine to discharge the remainder of her cargo of lumber, with the understanding that she return immediately to this port if sickness appears on board, and in any event to return for redisinfection prior to returning to Mobile.

While in Havana the officers claim that the ship was anchored in the harbor near the wreck of the *Maine*, and that there was no communication with the shore.

The ship has a bad record, scarcely ever coming to this port without sickness on board. At Mobile it is said that both typhus and typhoid fever have been found on board.

It is noteworthy that there are no modern water-closets in any part of the ship, the old-fashioned commodes being used.

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